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YANKS INVADE NEW PHILIPPINE ISLAND



Greek Patriots: Members of the ELAS in Athens, who are defending their country against attempts to impose a reactionary government. At last accounts, fighting has spread into the mainland west of Athens as British reinforcements poured in to Greece.

Meet Only Light Resistance On Mindoro; Down 224 Planes

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Leyte, Philippines, Saturday, Dec. 16 (UP).—American troops under Gen. Douglas MacArthur yesterday invaded Mindoro Island, it was announced today.

Storming ashore about 170 miles from their positions in Leyte, where MacArthur landed Oct. 20, the American forces struck suddenly while a powerful carrier task force of the Third Fleet was immobilizing the strong Japanese air bases on Luzon.

Mindoro, sixth largest island in the Philippines, is only 13 miles south of Luzon and at its closest point it is 73 miles south of Manila.

The American troops made good their landings on the southwest coast against light resistance, Gen. MacArthur announced. First objectives were taken easily, he said, and complete surprise was attained.

(At Pearl Harbor, it was announced that carrier planes, apparently supporting the invasion, had destroyed 224 enemy planes—133 yesterday and 91 Wednesday—in strikes at airbases on Luzon, immediately north of Mindoro.)

BIG ADVANCE

American troops on Leyte have been about 300 miles from Manila, and the new landing represents an advance of about 170 miles toward the capital of the Philippines. American forces also have been on Samar Island, north of Leyte and about the same distance from Manila, which lies northwest of Leyte.

Initial resistance was of the lightest character, a communique said. The landing forces went ashore on the southwest coast of Mindoro. It was announced that Army and Navy planes had destroyed 250 enemy aircraft in support of the operation, neutralizing all Japanese air fields in the Philippines.

The communique said that the daring move had carried the U.S. forces to the shores of the China Sea and practically completed splitting of the Philippine Islands,

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By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A filibuster against the President's new six-man State Department team designed to prevent action on the nominations at the expiring 78th Congress appeared imminent here tonight.

Consideration of the nominations is not likely to begin until Monday, and a filibuster may be successful in view of the fact that the session ends Jan. 3.

Adjournment was expected well before Christmas, but if there is a filibuster, administration leaders may insist on reconvening and keeping Congress in session right up to the Jan. 3 deadline.

Failure to act at this session would mean automatically that the President would have to re-submit his State Department nominations to the 79th Congress, and that the State Department would in the meantime be deprived of effective top personnel.

This would be widely interpreted as a major rebuff for the President, and an

expression of no confidence in his foreign policy.

Principal opposition to the President's appointments came from a curious four-man coalition, including Senators Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), James E. Murray (D-Mont), Joseph Guffey (D-Pa.), all supporters of the administration, and Sen. Robert M. LaFollette (Prog-Wis), a bitter-end foe of the President's foreign policy.

"LENGTHY" DISCUSSION

Sen. Papper shied away from the term "filibuster," but told newspapermen that he and his colleagues expected to discuss the nominations "at some length."

The four-man group will again offer a resolution sending the nominations back to the President for reconsideration. The resolution was defeated yesterday in the Foreign Relations Committee.

Sen. Bennett Champ Clark (D-Mo.), an embittered lame duck who is opposed to international collaboration, may join what is politely called "an extended discussion" on the nominations.

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Fighting Spreads in Greece As British Send New Troops

ATHENS, Dec. 15 (UP). — Fighting between guerillas and British troops spread into the mainland areas west of Athens today as British reinforcements poured into Greece and three high British civil and military officials conferred with Premier George Papandreou, reportedly to discuss a possible regency for the nation.

British Lt. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie said British troops had repulsed a heavy attack at the west end of Faliron Bay in the Piraeus area. Guerilla activity continued in the Salonika area north of Athens where the situation "has not eased." Guerillas in that area have been constructing barricades and defenses, sources here said.

In Athens the British were clearing mines from the Omonia Square area.

Troops of the ELAS, fighters of the National Liberation Front, carried out a small-scale attack there last night and tried to establish a road block.

Papandreou conferred with Scobie, with Harold MacMillan, British Resident Minister for the Middle East, and with British Ambassador Rex Leeper, at the Great Britain Hotel for 90 minutes this morning.

MESSAGE FROM EAM

The conference was almost simultaneous with the delivery of a sealed message from the EAM, the National Liberation Front. Michael Kyrkos, former Minister of Hygiene, who delivered the message, said he did not know what it contained.

(A BBC broadcast said the British Embassy in Athens announced that MacMillan had conferred with a number of Greek personalities in the past few days, including Papandreou, Damaskinos, Archbishop of Athens and Greece, and Themistocles Sophoulis, aged Liberal leader. It said MacMillan remains in Athens for the present.)

Gen. Nicholas Plastiras, who achieved prominence after the Greek-Turkish war of 1922 and was a leader of the movement which overthrew King Constantine, called a press conference for tomorrow.

Plastiras, who has lived in exile in France and was recalled here by agreement with the British Government, announced previously he would not speak to the press until he had something important to say.

This correspondent asked a high-ranking British quartermaster officer whether the British were using Lend-Lease equipment against the Greeks.

The officer said he didn't know and didn't care where his supplies came from as long as he got them.

Senate Confirms New Envoy to Spain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UP). — The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Norman Armour to be Ambassador to Spain. Armour served as Ambassador to Argentina until last spring, when diplomatic relations between the United States and Argentina were dropped.

14-Year-Old Boys in ELAS Ranks Bodies of Dead, Wounded Patriots in Streets

ATHENS, Dec. 15 (delayed) (UP). — Boys 14 years old, carrying bayoneted rifles longer than they are tall, are fighting with FLAS troops in Athens. I discovered while spending three days in a "no man's land" area of the Greek capital.

They were mingling with hundreds of refugees wandering the streets, many of them hungry.

The bodies of many dead and wounded, litter the streets where fighting has passed. Sometimes the bodies lie in the open all day before they can be picked up.

Other streets are littered with

Boston CIO Backs Greece

BOSTON, Dec. 15. — The Greater Boston Industrial Union Council, CIO, last night passed a resolution endorsing Secretary of State Stettinius' position on liberated countries of Europe.

A letter from a Greek sailor was read which stated:

"British policy in Greece harms not only Greece, but also Britain herself. I will be sailing again soon, and I am hoping that I will be carrying weapons that will be used against Hitler and the Japanese rather than against a people whose sole desire is to crush fascism at home and abroad."

The CIO council also voted to take the campaign for revision of the Little Steel formula to the Boston City Council by sending a delegation to the next City Council meeting.



This is the dented cowling which a Japanese suicide flier hit head-on recently over Tokyo as he tried to knock down the B-29 Superfortress shown here. Lt. K. K. Hill, left, of Sulphur, Okla., co-pilot, and Lt. Joseph Hankoff of Baltimore, Md., bombardier, look it over and grin at thoughts of what happened to the enemy flier who tried it.

Butchers to Confer With WFA; Still Threaten Xmas Strike

By LOUISE MITCHELL

New York City retail butchers yesterday refused to call off the meat stoppage scheduled to begin Christmas Day and to withdraw posters from store windows announcing the "holiday" until a

meeting for next week is arranged with the heads of the Office of Price Administration (OPA) and War Food Administration (WFA) for solution of price and distribution problems.

At a stormy meeting at the Regional OPA office at the Empire State Building which was attended by retail dealers, labor, consumer and civic representatives, Daniel P. Woolley promised to contact Washington officials immediately for an appointment at which the pressing problem of price ceilings for livestock would be taken up.

Although a resolution deferring the date of the strike and calling for the withdrawal of the posters was passed by the gathering, the retail butcher dealers who voted against it, refused to comply until after the Washington conference.

Heated discussion surrounded the wording of the poster to be placed in 10,000 stores. It blamed the plight of the small butcher on "unworkable OPA regulations." Some have already been posted in retail stores. Labor, consumer and civic representatives pointed out that all were

agreed that the main source of trouble came from the absence of livestock ceiling and "farm bloc" pressure on Congress.

ASK WITHDRAWAL

Councilman Michael J. Quill, Saul Mills speaking for CIO asked for its withdrawal as did Assemblymen Leo Isaacson and Arthur Wachtel. Meyer Parodneck and Mildred Gutwillig speaking for consumers also pleaded for its withdrawal. Dealers opposition was voiced by Emil Horn, president of the New Deal Meat Dealers.

Meat Dealers from Philadelphia also present at the meeting described the plight of local butchers but said that no stoppage action had been decided on as yet. They also pressed for ceiling prices on meat on the hoof.

PACKERS WIRE OPA

The Eastern Meat Packers Association meeting here sent a wire to Price Administrator Chester Bowles asking for livestock ceilings and proper allocation of supplies.

Albert T. Wendel, president of the New York State Association of Meat Dealers, inadvertently disclosed during the discussion what was really bothering some of the dealers. Ceilings on the hoof were important, he said, but butchers had been getting along without them for some time. Now that the OPA had strengthened its price enforcement program, they were being squeezed between black markets and inspectors.

All speakers were agreed that the farm bloc was exerting pressure against cattle ceilings and though OPA was generally in favor of such ceilings the WFA was resisting.

Henry Epstein, former solicitor general, acted as chairman.

The butchers' situation was complicated by the entrance of smoked fish dealers into the picture yesterday afternoon.

A group of five fish merchants, accompanied by former Markets

Commissioner William Fellows Morgan, came to City Hall and laid their case before Mayor LaGuardia. Their situation, they said, was similar to that of the meat industry, with the differential between wholesale and retail ceiling prices causing market difficulties.

Later the Mayor conferred with Markets Commissioner Henry M. Brundage and a representative of the Bohack meat and grocery organization.

Asked for comment on latest developments, the Mayor said: "I am optimistic and am in constant touch with Washington."

Canadians in Italy Fight Counterattack

ROME, Dec. 15 (UP). — Canadian troops of the Eighth Army, battling a savagely resisting enemy reinforced by an entire new infantry division, fought off a series of tank-supported German counterattacks today and expanded their Lamone River bridgehead to a width of 10 miles.

Filibuster Threatened On State Dept. Posts

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Clark was originally opposed only to Archibald MacLeish, liberal spokesman on the State Department team who faces the toughest fight of all, but he is now expected to seize on the opportunity to make trouble for the administration on the whole six-man slate.

Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, made an earnest but unsuccessful plea to the Senate to act quickly on the nominations in view of "this very critical period in our foreign relations."

Connally said that "our fighting men and our allies and our enemies" are watching the Senate, and that it should "not hesitate and delay in

Bridges Wins Order on Ward Without Strike

BULLETIN

DETROIT, Dec. 15 (UP). — A clash occurred at the Royal Oak, Mich., Montgomery Ward & Co. store tonight between CIO pickets and company officials, three of whom were injured and Gov. Harry F. Kelly immediately ordered Michigan State troopers to aid local authorities.

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. — Without strikes or threats of strikes, the CIO International Longshoremen and Warehousemen Union led by Harry Bridges today won an order from the War Labor Board requiring immediate compliance from Montgomery Ward at its St. Paul branch.

The attitude of ILWU leaders contrasted with that of Samuel Wolchok, president of the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Warehouse Employees Union, which called a strike in the Detroit stores of Montgomery Ward and threatened to extend the walkout nationally.

WLB reaffirmed its directives against the anti-labor mail order house and ordered compliance by Monday in four cases involving the ILWU in St. Paul, the AFL Team-



Harry Bridges

Largest Local in Union asks Wolchok Enforce No-Strike Pledge, End Walkout — See page 5.

sters in Portland, AFL Retail Clerks in San Rafael, Cal., and the Wolchok union in Denver and Jamaica, N. Y.

There had been no strike action in any of these cases, but the WLB directives issued were identical with those in the Detroit case announced yesterday where there has been a strike.

Douglas Hall, attorney for the ILWU, told the WLB at a public hearing which preceded issuance of the directives that "there is no strike at St. Paul" despite "non-compliance with every directive of this Board."

"There will be no strike," Hall declared. "We will observe our no-strike pledge, regardless of provocation of the company. We are looking to this board and to the government to enforce its order."

Walter T. Margetts, an industry member of the WLB, wanted to know if there was "a division of opinion on what the unions wanted."

Robert Watt, AFL member, replied:

"The is only one division of opinion. One group of unions has said that no matter what happens there will be no strike."

"I think they ought to be commended," Margetts declared.

Wolchok assailed the ILWU's no-strike pledge.

acting on these appointments.

But Sen. Happy Chandler (D-Ky) managed to get the floor to put forward the nominations of former Gov. Robert A. Hurley of Conn., and Lt. Col. Edward Heller as members of the Surplus Property Board. Both are opposed by a considerable number of Republicans.

Chandler, inveterate foe of administration war strategy and foreign policy who was thus aiding the reported filibuster, refused to yield the floor.

Hinting publicly of the threatening filibuster, Chandler said:

"I don't mean to forecast a filibuster, but I am in front of a filibuster now. I don't want to get behind it."

Patch's Seventh Army Smashes Into Reich Soil

Churchill Backs Lublin, Moscow on Polish Border

PARIS, Dec. 15 (UP).—Three divisions of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's veteran U. S. 7th Army, climaxing a 550-mile march from the Mediterranean, entered Germany through the historic Wissembourg gate today, and joined five other Allied armies now battling the Nazis on their home soil. Chooching from the hip against Nazi rear-guards fleeing into the Westwall in the "Karlruhe corner" of Germany, the veterans of North Africa, Sicily and Anzio smashed into the Reich from the northeastern tip of France at opposite ends of a front stretching 19 miles westward from the Rhine.

Doughboys led the northward charge through the broad valley between the Hardt Mountains and Rhine River, which threatened Nazi communication lines westward across the Rhenish Palatinate to the Saar Basin front.

One division moving up the west bank of the Rhine hammered into Germany from Lauterbourg in a drive toward the heart of Karlsruhe, already under bombardment by long-range artillery. Two other divisions crossed over the frontier above the demolished village of Lembach seven miles west of Wissembourg.

The drive put four U. S. armies—the First, Ninth, Seventh and Third—and the British Second Army into Germany or along the border on a front stretching from northeastern France to southeastern Holland.

The First Army cleared the Nazis from two strongpoints northwest of Duren, battled in the suburban outskirts of the latter town, and seized high ground along the Roer near Kufjerath, three miles below Duren.

Prime Minister Churchill, speaking to the House of Commons yesterday, declared emphatically that Britain is in complete agreement with the Soviet Union on the arrangement and adjustment of the Polish border. With scarcely concealed sarcasm, the British Premier also turned his back in effect upon the Polish government-in-exile. He referred to that outfit in terms which indicated he looked upon their representatives as impossible to deal with.

"Reasonable and just" is what Churchill termed the Soviet Union's "demands for reassurance about her western frontiers." Poland should accept borders, said he, which would make the Curzon line the dividing point with the Soviet Union, as the latter country has stressed. In this contention he repeated, only in what seemed a stronger form, his declaration on this matter made in the latter part of May.

"In compensation" the Polish borders to the north should be adjusted to include "all of East Prussia south and west of Koenigsberg, including Danzig, one of the most magnificent cities in the world."

Taking a dig at the landowning coterie who dominate the so-called government-in-exile, Churchill hit at their greed for landed estates in the West Ukraine by speaking sarcastically of "the acreage" involved there. But he reminded his listeners that this area included the Pripet marshes which "does not aid to the wealth of those who own it."

The British prime minister expressed the hope that the former premier of the government-in-exile, Mikolajczyk, might be able again to "speak with authority for the fortunes of the Polish nation" and by his reference to the ex-premier as a successor to Sikorski virtually recognized that the dictatorial constitution of 1935 is dead. It is this constitution, with its semi-fascist character, which had been a big chasm between the views of the Polish landlord clique in London and the Polish Committee of National Liberation at Lublin.

Churchill maintained that had Mikolajczyk been able to return to Moscow "after the very friendly conversations" between him and Marshal Stalin and members of the Lublin Committee, he would now represent "a Polish government on Polish soil, recognized by all the United Nations and waiting the advance of the Russian army moving further into Poland as the country was delivered from the Germans."

In other words, the British prime minister held out the suggestion to the former premier that he take further steps toward welding an understanding or union with the Committee of National Liberation. In doing that, and in the "disappointment" which he expressed, Churchill cold-shouldered the present members of the "government-in-exile" and expressed noticeable displeasure with their tactics.

One conspicuously strained note crept into the prime minister's speech when he warned the Polish exile clique that further delay in accepting the Soviet terms might lead to clashes between "the Polish underground" and the Red Army similar to the British hostilities with the EAM in Greece.

Of course, such clashes have not occurred and there is no evidence that they will take place. If they did occur, however, Churchill omitted to say that it would be for an entirely different reason from the miserable assaults upon the people's resistance forces in Greece.

Quislings are being protected by the "government" in Athens which British arms is propping up against the people. Churchill's armed forces are aiding those quislings. In Poland the government-in-exile is eager to put the same type of collaborationists in power, and it is the Red Army and the Committee of National Liberation which are determined to clean out these traitors to Poland and the United Nations. There is no "faction" involved in

such a contest; it's the enemy of all the United Nations which the Red Army and the Polish patriots would obliterate. It is that enemy which in effect the British policy in Athens is preventing from being annihilated.

It's not surprising that Churchill gave over some of his speech to a try at confusing the issue. Had he brought out the full facts, it would be seen that if the British army would do in Greece what the Red Army has done everywhere against the quislings, then it would aid the EAM people's forces that would make Greece free.

Just prior to Churchill's address, the Social Democrat and present "premier" of the government-in-exile, Tomasz Arciszewski, made a statement expressing the same greedy and stiff-necked stand as has always distinguished that crowd. He said his gang would not make any concession on frontiers

CONFUSING THE ISSUE

Open India Jails, Labor Party Asks

LONDON, Dec. 15 (UP).—The British Labor Party in annual conference today overwhelmingly approved a resolution demanding the release of Indian political prisoners, despite the opposition of party leaders to the resolution.

whatsoever. It is clear that the Social Democratic-landlord outfit is playing the same game as Hitler; they are banking on creating disunity among the United Nations.

On his part, Churchill spoke for United Nations unity. He cautioned Commons that the European phase of the war would continue through the coming Spring and Summer, with the largest and fiercest battles yet to come. He expressed his desire to have an early meeting with President Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin and said that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and he would be ready to go anywhere for such a conference. He carefully stated that he could not speak for the United States on any matter to which he had referred, but said that President Roosevelt had been advised of every step in the Polish discussions.

His address opened up a debate which proceeded through yesterday's session of the Commons.

Stettinius Will Comment Later

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius declined to comment on Premier Winston Churchill's references to Poland before the House of Commons today, but promised to make a statement after he had digested the British position.

Queried by reporters at his first conference since Dec. 7, Stettinius agreed that there had been no formal change in American relations with the Polish government-in-exile.

He also reaffirmed the State Department's position that the new Italian government was formed by Italians, without outside interference, and again implied that Count Sforza was never vetoed by the United States.

State Department circles, in response to Churchill's hope for an early meeting of the Big Three, declared that such a meeting before February of next year was highly unlikely.



Three members of the U.S. Coast Guard are decorating a Christmas tree on a cargo ship somewhere in the southwest Pacific. Left to right, they are: Edward F. O'Reilly, Roxbury, Mass.; Curtis Tucker, Alapaha, Ga., and Carmichael Spicer, Ames, Iowa.

Wiitala Dies; Finnish Editor

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15. — Matt Wiitala, 44, editor of the Finnish daily, Tyomies, died at Milwaukee yesterday evening after stepping from a train. Death was attributed to heart attack. Wiitala was enroute to New York for conferences with leaders of Finnish-American organizations regarding the situation in Finland and the organization of Finnish relief activities.

He was a charter member of the American Communist organization and an able labor editor for 20 years with Tyomies and Eteenpain, a Finnish paper published in Yonkers, N. Y. He is survived by his widow Jennie, and his daughter, Mrs. Gloria Barbeau, both of New York.

New Chinese Puppet Arrives in Tokyo

By United Press

Chen Kung-po, successor to the late Wang Ching-wei as head of the Japanese-dominated Chinese puppet government at Nanking, arrived in Tokyo yesterday to consult with Japanese officials, the Tokyo radio, reported by OWI, announced.

Soviets Smash Way to Plain Before Bratislava

LONDON, Dec. 15 (UP).—Soviet troops today captured the Czechoslovak stronghold of Sahy (Ipolsag), 36 miles northwest of Budapest and key to the eastern approaches of Vienna. Soviet troops crossed the Hungarian-Czechoslovak frontier to capture the six-way road and railjunction, the fall of which put the Red Army on the edges of the plains before Bratislava, the Slovak capital, 84 miles to the west.

In an unconfirmed report, the Nazi high command spoke of a Soviet thrust in southern Poland toward Krakow.

North of the Danube "knee" above Budapest, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian Army broke through fortifications along the south bank of the Ipoly-River, crossed the water barrier and stormed into Sahy.

SZENDRO TAKEN

The capture of Sahy put the Soviets within 116 miles due east of Vienna.

Other elements of Malinovsky's army captured the coal and iron mining center of Szendro, 31 miles southeast of the Czechoslovak rail city of Kassa (Kosice).

More than 30 other Hungarian towns and settlements were captured north and northeast of Miskolc as the Red Army battled toward Kassa from the south and also fought to snap a trap shut on thousands of enemy troops in the Bukk mountains 75 miles northeast of Budapest.

Moscow announced that another 1,015 German and Hungarian prisoners were seized north of Miskolc for a 10-day bag of more than 11,000.

Zhdanov Hails Finnish-Soviet Friendship at Helsinki Banquet

By JOHN GIBBONS

Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, Dec. 15.—Col. Gen. Andrei A. Zhdanov, Leningrad war chief, who signed the armistice with Finland in behalf of the Allies, was tendered a reception in Helsinki yesterday by the Finland-Soviet Union Society.

"As a result of Finland's withdrawal from the war," the Soviet leader said, "truly historic progress has begun, consolidating progressive and democratic forces around the task of establishing warm and friendly relations with the Soviet Union."

He asserted that the Finland-Soviet Union Society is "blazing a trail in struggle with the declin-



Andrei Zhdanov

ing forces of reaction, which during many years were the dominant element, inciting Finland to hostility with the USSR which culminated in war."

"The Soviet Union, pursuing its invariable policy of peace and friendship between nations, is following the work of your society with profound sympathy and attention," Zhdanov continued.

"We are convinced that the idea of friendship between a free, independent and democratic Finland and the Soviet Union corresponds to the vital interests of the Finnish people," he emphasized.

After the Soviet general had spoken leading representatives of the Finnish art, scientific, civic and sports circles expressed the desire of the Finnish people to make closer acquaintance with Soviet achievements in these fields. Prime Minister Juho Paasikivi was among the guests.

State AFL Charts Legislative Program

Leaders of the New York State Federation of Labor are whipping into shape their strongest legislative program in years in preparation for the opening of the State Legislature in January.

Joint Bodies Will Speed Output in New York Area

New York's answer to appeals by the nation's fighting commanders for more production will be stepped-up labor-management cooperation.

The labor-management committees that did so much to speed conversion from peace-time production to war requirements have been chosen as the instruments to see that the boys in the Pacific and European theaters get what they want when they want it.

Under War Production Board auspices, representatives of approximately 25 such committees in the New York region Wednesday established an Area Council of Labor-Management Committees. Aim of the body will be to establish working relations with all 240 such committees now functioning in metropolitan areas, help establish others where they do not exist now and, working together, pool methods to speed deliveries to the fighting fronts.

Formation of the Area Council, which is led by an executive board of seven laborites and seven management representatives, coincides with a movement on a national scale to revitalize the joint committees to solve critical manpower shortages, stabilize personnel in key industries, and assure that production short-cuts found useful in one place are made available on as wide a scale as possible.

G. J. Parker, management representative from Sperry Gyroscope Co.; Reuben A. Posner, regional manager of the WPB Drive Division; Mayor LaGuardia and William Beaudry, an International Association of Machinists representative from Kollsman Instrument Co., Queens, were among the speakers at Wednesday's meeting, which was held at the Port of New York Authority, 111 Eighth Ave.

SECRET WEAPON

Labor-management cooperation is America's "secret weapon," Posner said.

"The secret of our great strength is one that we reveal without fear," he commented. "We know that it cannot be used by the enemy. This secret is cooperation. It is the greatest of all weapons in the arsenal of democracy."

Mayor LaGuardia contrasted the job of the civilian with the tasks of servicemen on the fighting fronts.

"Can you imagine the state of mind of a commanding officer ordering his troops to advance when he is compelled to limit his artillery cover which protects their lives?" he asked.

"The war isn't over and it won't be over until we have the complete and unconditional surrender of the enemy."

LABOR REPRESENTATIVES

Elected to serve on the Council's board as labor representatives were Richard Arazose, International Longshoremen's Association; Mr. Beaudry, L. Engel, unaffiliated; Catherine Fowler, CIO American Communications Association; Fred Hansley, Independent Instrument Makers and Machinists, and Charles Perry and James Weiss of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

Management representatives elected included Sam Ardezzone, Merrill Brothers; Thomas Fullem, Matam Corp.; Jack Gantz, Empire Brush Co.; Milton Kall, Gussack Products Co.; Alfred J. Kirby, Capitol Foundry Corp.; George Mason, Arma Corp., and Mr. Parker of Sperry Gyroscope Co.

The program includes support for a state health insurance system to take care of families with incomes of less than \$5,000 a year; wage increases for state, county and city employees in the under \$5,000 bracket; support for a strong State Fair Employment Practices Committee and improvements in the Unemployment Insurance and Workmen's Compensation laws.

The State Federation program also calls for the immediate enactment of legislation to put a ceiling on commercial rents which in some cases have gone up more than 1,000 percent.

UNEMPLOYMENT AID

Among the changes in the Unemployment Insurance system that will be pressed are: extension of the benefit period to 26 weeks from the present 20, raising the maximum to \$25 from the present \$18, additional benefits for dependents and extension of the coverage to employees of firms with less than four workers. The compensation improvements would include extension of the disability period for permanent partial disability and provisions to cover workers whose employers are not insured.

The program was drawn up at a meeting of the executive council on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Hotel Ten Eyck in Albany. The Council put into final shape the recommendations of a Legislative Conference held the previous day and attended by nearly 100 representatives of local unions throughout the state. Guest speakers at the conference included Oswald Heck, Speaker of the State Assembly, Professor Herman Gray of the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Commission and Deputy Commissioner of Labor Michael Murphy.

Sailor Man, Sailor Man, What Are You Writing?

LETTERS TO MY CONGRESSMEN TO TELL THEM WHAT TO DO

By ART SHIELDS

A thousand or more seamen are talking to Congress each week from the National Maritime Union headquarters at 346 W. 17th St.

They are doing it with their pens. At big tables in the front of the hiring hall the convoy battle veterans are telling Congressmen in personal letters what they expect them to do for the people.

"One hundred and fifty to 200 letters are written each day in the hall," said Joseph Sweat, national political action director of the NMU yesterday.

"Many more are written at sea." Seamen waiting to ship out pick up pens at the tables by the PAC booth in the hall and write to the representative from back home.

Usually two to 10 seamen—Negro and white—are pushing their pens. The sea-going unionists are concentrating on three issues at the present. They are:

1. Unemployment insurance for seamen.
2. A permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee for equal job rights for Negroes.
3. Citizenship for foreign seamen who have sailed U. S. ships for three years in the war.

LETTER PAPER RUSH

White, Negro and Chinese seamen were sitting down together when I visited the hall.

The rush for letter paper was coming so fast that Sol Leviton, the seaman in charge, ran out of supplies for a while.

Sol tells the seamen what congressman can give them quickest



Seamen tell Congress to give them unemployment insurance and set up a permanent FEPC at the letter-writing tables in the NMU hiring hall at 346 W. 17 St. White, Negro and Chinese seamen are shown writing together. A thousands or more letters are written each week. The union's PAC started the writing drive.

—Daily Worker Photo

action on the bills.

Committee chairmen and the seamen's local representatives are usually addressed.

Sol was doing the same work at sea, in between watches.

"Our crew wrote 1,025 letters to Congress on one recent trip," declared Sol.

"One seaman, Woody Guthrie,

who is handy with a guitar, wrote 112 letters himself. Cisco Houston, another guitar singer, wrote many too."

Congressmen are feeling the force of the letter campaign. A stack of letters from the House Office Building on the PAC counter is full of pledges for action from Democratic and Republican representatives.

Workers Defense League Parley A Sounding Board for Defeatism

By DOROTHY LOEB

A witches' brew of defeatism was served up in New York City last week-end under the auspices of the Workers Defense League at a conference properly but incompletely titled "Post War Reaction." Examination of sponsors and speeches made there indicates that the meeting presented a forum for reaction not only after the war but

in the immediate present.

What was significant about the sessions was not so much their defeatist character because the League, which is solidly controlled by Trotskyites, Norman Thomas Socialists and Social Democrats, has long since established its direction. This can be summed up in the simple reminder that this is the organization that is leading a fight on behalf of the 18 Minneapolis Trotskyites, jailed under federal conviction for sedition.

Worthy of special note, however, is the mixture of speakers who participated. These included James E. Carey, national CIO secretary, Samuel Wolchok, president of the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, Joseph Schlossberg, secretary-treasurer of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers, A. Philip Randolph, president of the AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and Eduard C. Lindeman, professor at the New School for Social Research.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Carey and Randolph were keynote speakers. Carey, who in the past has given encouragement to such movements by his own actions, actually paid tribute to the Workers Defense League for its "good work" for a permanent FEPC and for "providing the people of labor with a group to go to when in trouble."

"It is a fine thing to know you have got real friends," he said.

However, the sum of the deliberations in which he participated would seem to run directly counter to all CIO policy.

Attacks on the character of the war, sniping at President Roosevelt and formation of a third party, rather than a follow through of the broad political action initiated by CIO, stood out as main features in discussion.

Wolchok, whose union at that moment was defying CIO no-strike policy in Detroit, leading a strike against Montgomery Ward, argued that labor could not obtain its "just dues" through CIO or AFL political committees.

Randolph's contribution was a summary of defeatism.

"I know of not a single Negro anywhere who believes that this

war is being fought for freedom or democracy or human rights of any kind," he said among other things. "Negroes believe that the results of this war, if not its aim, will be the maintenance and glorification of white supremacy."

Among those listed as sponsors were Norman Thomas, James Rorty and James T. Farrell, Trotskyites; Luigi Antonini and a wide assortment of International Ladies Garment Workers Union officials, Daniel Bell, managing editor of the New Leader, August Classens of the Social Democratic Federation, and others.

News Capsules

Sleigh Ride With Wedding Bells

S/Sgt. Anthony Serinls, home in Rochester on a 30-day furlough, refused to allow a 23-inch snow to interfere with his wedding, for which he had been waiting through a year of fighting with the U. S. Fifth Air Force in New Guinea. He hired a sleigh and horses to transport him and pretty Antoinette Datillo to St. Andrew's Church, where the marriage proceeded as scheduled.

All he wanted was a ride home, but Corby Baker in Chicago stepped into one wrong taxicab yesterday and spent every second of the next 15 minutes dodging bullets.

The cab Baker hailed was stolen and every police squad car in the city was on the lookout for it. Baker thought all of them found it when four police cars started chasing it on the west side.

Baker huddled down on the floor of the cab while police riddled it with bullets, 42 of them. He escaped unscathed, but the driver, Thomas Hand, 19, who police said was AWOL from Camp Hood, Tex., was wounded in the arm and back.

Police said Hand had held up John Pilot, 40, driver of the cab, with a toy pistol, and relieved him of \$30 before he picked up Baker.

The Allied invasion of France last June was the unanimous choice of the editors of the United Press yesterday as the No. 1 news story of 1944.

The selections were:

1. D-Day.
2. Roosevelt's election to fourth term.
3. American invasion of the Philippines.
4. Allied sweep through France.
5. Red Army's thrust into Baltic States and Balkans.
6. B-29 raids on Tokyo.
7. Defeat of Japanese grand fleet by U. S. Navy.
8. German robot-bomb and rocket campaign.
9. Assassination plot against Hitler and mystery of his decline.
10. Hartford circus fire.

The Fire Department of Los Angeles has ordered that there be no more revolving doors at large hotels where conventions and large meetings are held.

Warmer weather is in sight throughout the midwest with the exception of Minnesota, while southern and eastern states are warned by the U. S. Weather Bureau to expect continued cold for another 12 hours before an appreciable change in temperature.

Nubbins Hoffman will remain at Mercy Hospital in Denver a few more days as a precaution against possible setback, his physicians said today. However, it was believed the three-year-old Cheyenne, Wyo., boy who was operated upon last week for the removal of a bladder obstruction that threatened his life would be able to go home before Christmas.

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Lowery, CIO Lumber Union Head Dies

Special to the Daily Worker

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—Worth Lowery, 38, president of the CIO International Woodworkers of America, died of a heart attack at the Cobb Building Clinic Sunday afternoon in Seattle.

Lowery had complained of being ill a few minutes after he began an address to the executive board of Northern Washington district council in the Bay Building, and left without completing his speech. He later collapsed at a downtown hotel and was taken to the clinic where he received medical aid. He died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at Portland. He is survived by his widow, Lucille, and a six-year-old daughter, Linda.

Insurance Men Honor Berne

Leon W. Berne, vice-president of the United Office and Professional Workers, was honored as the "father" of the movement to organize insurance agents, at a Governor Clinton Hotel testimonial dinner for him Thursday night.

Among the speakers at the dinner arranged by Local 30, Industrial Insurance Agents, were Councilman Michael J. Quill, Lewis Merrill, president of the UOPWA, and attorney Sydney Cohn.

Speakers recalled that the UOPWA's break with the AFL in 1937 was principally because it was forbidden to organize the insurance agents. Berne now heads the powerful insurance agents network of locals bargaining with companies covering an estimated 29,000 agents.

Biggest Local Urges Wolchok to Enforce No-Strike Vow and End Ward Walkout

President Arthur Osman of Local 65 Wholesale and Warehouse Employees, yesterday called upon Samuel Wolchok head of the parent organization to adhere to the CIO's no-strike pledge and call off the Detroit Montgomery Ward strike.

Osman's union is the largest affiliate of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees.

Osman made public a statement which he assured Wolchok, will be approved unanimously by Local 65 Monday. He also wrote a letter to President Philip Murray expressing

confidence that the CIO head will see to it that the no-strike pledge reaffirmed unanimously at the Chicago convention, should be enforced. He proposed that Mr. Murray lead a delegation of top CIO leaders to the President to ask for seizure of the plant and its operation under the War Labor Board order.

In a letter to Wolchok, accompanying the statement, Osman asked that a special executive board meeting of the URWDEA be called to take up his proposal and that he be given an opportunity to appear before it.

Osman's statement was issued as other CIO unions throughout the country voiced a similar sentiment. The indications are that most of the major URWDEA affiliates in New York feel the same way.

At Detroit, meanwhile, the Ward strike became a principal issue in the ranks of the United Automobile Workers dragged in by factionalists interested in rescinding the no-strike pledge. Osman declared that with the strike at Detroit, Sewell Avery, president of Montgomery Ward "scored another victory in his campaign to sabotage America's war effort."

"The union, by falling for the company's provocations is, in effect, helping Sewell Avery's treasonous activities," the statement continued.

The position of Local 65 holds that "every task is essential to the nation" and that labor must not resort to strikes in any field "no matter what the provocation."

Osman quoted extensively from the no-strike resolution adopted at the CIO convention showing that there were no loopholes of any kind in it to justify a strike in any situation. He also quoted the speech of Murray in which he warned against any equivocation on the pledge.

"We call upon the international, the URWDEA, and its president Samuel Wolchok, to terminate the strike immediately and to send the Montgomery Ward employees back to work."

"We call upon President Roosevelt to seize the Montgomery Ward plant in Detroit and to operate in accordance with the WLB's directives."

"We call upon CIO President Philip Murray to lead a delegation of top CIO officials to President Roosevelt to impress upon him the need to take such action immediately."

"We call upon labor in the Detroit area to lend every financial, physical and moral assistance to a drive to complete organization of Montgomery Ward workers in Detroit so that their enemies could not hope to divide, confuse or sidetrack them into improper action."

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'New Leader' Falsifies CIO Resolution To Justify Ward Strike, Hudson Says

By ROY HUDSON

The treasonable plot behind the present violation of the no-strike pledge in Detroit is brought out into the open by the social-democratic organ of the New Leader in a front page editorial entitled, "A Strike to Save the No-Strike Pledge."

Again Sewell Avery, one of the most determined opponents of national unity and the war effort, with an utter disregard of the interests of the nation, has contemptuously refused to abide by decisions of the War Labor Board and rectify the intolerable conditions Montgomery Ward imposes upon its workers. But the people who have inspired and sanctioned this stoppage are not concerned with a solution of the burning grievances of the workers, and the lies of the New Leader prove it.

The New Leader lies when it says that "American labor's no-strike pledge was necessarily conditional." The resolution unanimously adopted at the CIO convention declares that "Labor does not regard its no-strike pledge as a bargaining matter with our Nation." The CIO hereby reaffirms its solemn pledge that until we have accomplished a complete and absolute destruction of the German and Japanese military forces there can be no ques-

tion of our basic responsibility to the nation to continue intact our no-strike pledge." That is the record which the New Leader falsifies. That is the resolution Samuel Wolchok voted for and is now violating.

To make it seem that this strike is sanctioned by the CIO, the New Leader quotes August Scholle to the effect that "this strike is an attempt to save the no-strike pledge." If Scholle, who is supposed to be midwest director of the CIO, made this statement, then he is speaking for the New Leader and not for the CIO which pays his wages and to which he is responsible. The true stand of the CIO was expressed by Philip Murray when he said at the CIO Convention:

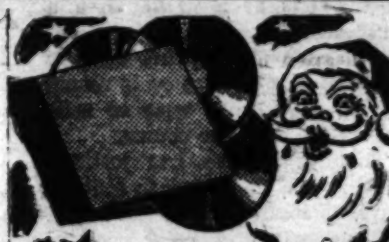
"We cannot read a resolution, and vote for it and then have someone violate it. We maintain our no-strike commitments to the American people in the course of a war. We don't make pledges today and break them tomorrow. No responsible leader of labor in the United States of America... can hope to serve the best interests of the members if he attempts by word of mouth or by act to set aside labor's no-strike pledge in the course of this present war."

Avery and his friends welcome such falsifications and provocations because he too desires to defeat the program adopted at the CIO Convention, smash the unity established there and thereby enable the Trotskyites and Reuthers to defeat the no-strike pledge in the auto referendum. In this way President Roosevelt would be unable to execute the program the people voted for in the elections.

Labor has a responsibility to the nation and the Montgomery Ward workers in this situation. That responsibility was established by unanimous vote at the CIO Convention and it is as follows:

"Each member and leader of organized labor must make it his responsibility to discharge with scrupulous care this sacred obligation—the no-strike pledge."

This course will maintain national unity, defend the interests of labor and compel Avery to meet the just demands of the workers of Montgomery Ward and their union.



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The Issue Before the Senate

IN A REFERENCE to some academic and liberal circles a few years back, Archibald MacLeish coined the phrase: "The Irresponsibles." And on Thursday, the country witnessed a fantastic spectacle in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, when, as a direct result of an irresponsible campaign by those who claim to be MacLeish's best friends, he narrowly escaped rejection as one of our new assistant secretaries of state. In fact, he faces a stiff fight in the Senate itself, where he may lose if the same coalition of some liberals and reactionary Republicans have their way.

We recommend what happened Thursday to our readers' attention. We recommend it to the attention of all progressives as the supreme example of tactical stupidity. But above all, we recommend it as an illustration of how mistaken assumptions about the actual state of national unity results in a fight which not only can't be won but which jeopardizes the President's policies.

PM (later joined by the Philadelphia Record) opened its fight by blasting the appointment of Mr. Stettinius. The defeatist Senator, William Langer, supported PM's position. PM drew no lessons from this single fact. It continued the fight on all six assistant secretaries on the grounds that the President was betraying his electoral mandate.

What happened? The very Republican die-hards who actually took a terrific beating in the elections, joined with those few liberals who believed that they alone won the elections—and the result is nearly catastrophic for the one appointee who can truly be considered liberal.

But PM is unabashed. In James A. Wechsler's story yesterday, Sen. Robert LaFollette, a bitter isolationist, is grouped as a liberal together with Guffey, Pepper and Murray of Montana. And the PM writer expresses the hope that this strange combination will be joined on the Senate floor by Hiram Johnson, Arthur Capper and Hendrik Shipstead—three of the worst defeatists in the country! And this in the Senate whose composition is even worse than the Foreign Relations Committee.

Basic Program

But we do not argue on tactical grounds alone, for we have disagreed basically with the entire grounds on which the fight was conducted. We argued from the outset that the President is not "appeasing" anybody. He did not undertake a fourth term to wreck his own program of international cooperation. He appointed a team of men of varying backgrounds because he knows the Senate better than PM. He knows the country and he wishes to involve more fully those farm groups and business men who helped to elect him, but who still must be won for international cooperation. It is the job of labor and progressives to help FDR, not hurt him.

If MacLeish narrowly escaped defeat in committee, imagine the result if six MacLeishes had been nominated—why, the country would have split wide open.

We deny that the past records of some of these men necessarily bear on their future performance in a context of new policies formulated by the President in the face of changing world realities. If every one's past record excludes them from national unity today, where would that leave PM, for example?

PM—or even Guffey, Pepper and Murray—in this case did not champion the cause of liberalism. We notice that excellent liberal supporters of FDR, like Tunnell of Delaware, Green of Rhode Island and Elbert Thomas of Utah—voted for all six nominees, while the worst defeatists voted against them.

Yes, James C. Dunn is still there, but Berle and Long and Shaw are out of the Department, and we are at the end of Franco's career, not the beginning.

PM has acted as though only labor and "New Dealers" won the elections. That is what the GOP claimed. It is not true. All policies based on such misconceptions hurt national unity, mislead progressives and make harder the heavy tasks confronting Mr. Roosevelt.

And because of this dangerous fight, weighty issues were overshadowed. The President was left to handle the Social Security freeze alone. The seaways agreement was defeated. The Heller-Hurley appointments to the Surplus Property Board were not supported. And above all, the tremendous new advance of our foreign policy toward Greece and Italy were soft-pedaled.

Irresponsible "leftism," vain vacillations and heedless "militancy" without thought or perspective—these are just as dangerous for progressives as defeatist sabotage for the nation. It is time to see that clearly.

EVERYBODY'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT



— Between the Lines —

Greetings of the Season

by Joseph Starobin

AT THERMOPYLAE, I think it was, some 300 Greeks in ancient times held off an entire army of Persians, and poets celebrated the event for centuries thereafter. What we have been witnessing these past two weeks is another Thermopylae one of the truly great crises of the war out of which must come an immense forward movement for the entire world.



Nobody can be jubilant, or even pause to indulge in literature over this Greek tragedy, but where is the Euripides to describe the sensational turn of events?

The besiegers are besieged; those who "tried to force their way into great cities with deadly weapons" in Churchill's phrase, are now thinking more of how to get out of such cities, and while they loudly proclaim that the patriots must surrender unconditionally, they cannot move 1,500 yards from the Great Britain Hotel without meeting the fire of patriot guns!

While General Scobie, unshaven and haggard in this well-named hotel, issues defiant communiques with all the stubbornness of 500-year tradition behind him, the London Times calls upon an equally significant 500-year tradition of British flexibility.

It reminds the prime minister that "the battle, which is not going too well, threatens to become a war" . . . and it rubs in the moral by noting that the Athenians are powerful enough to withstand the heroes of the Great Britain Hotel "unless the decision is taken to bring in considerable reinforcements of men and weapons at the expense of the war in Germany."

Sir Anthony Eden himself is urged by a front-bencher to say something about "Bulgarians and Germans" fighting with the ELAS, and he replies wily: "I do not wish to make things more difficult than they are!"

Millions Learning

We cannot rub our hands in satisfaction over Churchill's self-made dilemma as brave Greeks are needlessly dying; but we can say that Greece's resistance has educated millions of people throughout the world in the realities of Europe's democratic perspectives, and I think it is making the deepest impression in Europe since

the defense of Stalingrad.

William Randolph Hearst may rave about "Bolshevism in Europe" and the New Leader may vie in such cadaverous stuff; but every commentator worth any salt . . . Grafton, Lippmann, Thompson . . . directors of the Foreign Policy Association like Vera Micheles Dean—have come out and declared to millions that Churchill is wrong, that the bogey of Bolshevism is a "rubber stamp."

As Lippmann said on Thursday, the "resistance movements of Europe performed the greatest function of legitimate government which is to preserve the national independence" and "government is possible in Europe only if the resistance movement is treated with high respect as one of the legitimate pillars of the provisional state."

Czechoslovakia's Benes rebukes Pierlot of Belgium by promising local elections in his country as each area is freed. Holland's premier, Gerbrandy, pledges that his government will resign immediately upon Dutch liberation. Two Madrid newspapers hail the British premier's speech about "Communist dictatorship," but their teeth rattle in the death-throes of fascist dictatorship.

Suddenly millions realize that if the Polish Committee of National Liberation can extend private property to Polish peasants, why can't the Italian Committee of National Liberation do the same for Italy? And suddenly everybody realizes that what was being called chaos in France—the arrest and trial of traitors, the nationalization of the coal mines—is a model of order. Everybody can see which policies lead to order and which policies lead to chaos.

And those who are worried about "spheres" and "bloes" in Europe suddenly realize that after all, the same type of democracy is being established in eastern Europe as in western Europe, as the Greeks are fighting for in southern Europe.

And Miss Dean in the Foreign Policy Association Bulletin for Dec. 15, solves the "Russian enigma." It is simply that "Russia is swimming with the tide of events in Europe, while Britain is swimming against it. . ."

No Weather-vane Habits

So I disagree with some of our friends who are wringing their hands. I mean those who swing from the habit of rubbing an Alladin's lamp called "Teheran" to feverish fears that the promise of Teheran will not be realized.

Why do we need such weather-vane habits at all? We have a perspective of where the world is going and I do not think we have to re-assure ourselves every morning as though we were so self-conscious about our course.

That perspective has justified itself in one short year in a dozen ways, including the liberation of a large part of Europe and the President's victory of Nov. 7. And the Greeks are fighting for it with sensational success, all things considered.

British policy is a very serious mountain-slide in the path before us; I do not underestimate its implications in the least. But it is a minority policy in a world which is changing daily, a world in which millions learn in two weeks what a few of us were talking about for ten months. A lot of dirt has to be moved to get past the mountain slide, true. And looking at every shovel full, you come across worms of every kind, and the sweat runs down the forehead. So what?

There is no way forward without very hard work, hard fighting, serious crises which are always the mid-wives of progress.

"Utterly devoid of illusion," is the way Churchill once described a well-known world statesman, whose record as he himself approaches his 65th birthday, certainly offers no cause for pessimism. I like that phrase—"utterly devoid of illusion." I recommend it as this year's greetings of the season.

Worth Repeating

THE GREEK TRAGEDY occasions a leading editorial in the current (Dec. 18) issue of the liberal weekly, the New Republic, in the course of which these significant sentences appear: If Greece or other country in Europe wanted, by democratic methods, to adopt a communist form of government, we do not see how the Allies would have any normal right to interfere. For the record, however, let it be stated that in not a single liberated country is this true. What is desired by the peoples of Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, France, Belgium and Holland is in all cases a left-liberal regime with some nationalization of heavy industry and public utilities within a democratic political framework. If the Allies believe in democracy, they should not only tolerate this development; they should actively encourage it.

Today's Guest Column

THERE has just appeared the English-language version of China's New Democracy by Mao Tse-tung, the leader of the Chinese Communists. I have no hesitation in saying that it is the most important single document that has come out of China or been written about China since the war began. This small booklet, of 72 pages, is published by the Workers Library Publishers, contains an illuminating introduction by Earl Browder, and sells for 25 cents. I hope that thousands of Americans read it carefully.



One of the main difficulties Americans have in understanding China is the basic contrast between the character of the country and of the United States. If we had been trained and brought up in the America of Washington's time it would be easier for us to understand the China of 1944. The difference between the two nations goes even deeper than that, for while the American colonists at the end of the 18th century were throwing off the shackles of colonialism, the Chinese of today are struggling against both imperialism and feudalism.

FROM our own experience, as Americans trained and conditioned in a great capitalist and industrialized nation, we have too little insight into the burdens of a people

by Frederick V. Field

whose entire life has been semi-colonial and semi-feudal. We are too likely to draw misleading parallels, to think that the Chinese can solve their problems in much the same way that we try to solve our own. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth, for the simple reason that the nature of China's problems is different from our own. The great value of Mao Tse-tung's booklet is that it defines for us in both historical and contemporary terms the nature or character of China's struggle. From it we obtain a deeper understanding of our Far Eastern ally and a much clearer knowledge of the forces which must be given support if the current crisis is to be overcome.

What, for instance, is the role of the bourgeoisie in China? The united front against Japan established in 1937 Mao describes as "much enlarged" over the previous united front of 1924. Speaking of 1937, Mao says: "In the upper class, it (the united front) includes all the rulers; in the middle-class, all the petit-bourgeois elements, and in the lower class, all the proletariat." "At that time," he continues, "a sort of cheering and inspiring air pervaded every walk of life in the nation."

Following the fall of Hankow, the last industrial center, late in 1938, "a portion of the big bourgeoisie surrendered to the enemy." Another portion allied itself with the feudal

Mao Tse-tung Explains Class Forces in China

forces, and from this evil alliance came the reactionary, defeatist clique which has brought the nation to the verge of disaster.

"The Chinese bourgeoisie especially the big bourgeoisie, is never willing to break with the imperialists completely, and being closely associated with the rural land exploitation, it is also not willing, and is unable, to overthrow imperialism and feudalism thoroughly. To unite with the workers and the peasants to oppose the enemy when the enemy is endangering them and to unite with the enemy to oppose the workers and the peasants when the latter are awakening is a general rule for the bourgeoisie of various countries, only the Chinese bourgeoisie shows this characteristic more vividly."

IN OTHER words, the Chinese bourgeoisie cannot at this stage lead the nation alone. Only a coalition of peasants, workers, petit-bourgeoisie and loyal elements of the big bourgeoisie can meet the critical needs of the hour.

I have cited this short example of clear Marxism to illustrate the great value of China's New Democracy. That it was written at the end of 1940 and published in Yenan in January, 1941, in no sense detracts from its pertinence to the present situation. The long delay in reaching English readers is simply another reflection of the notorious blockade of the area where the future China is being pioneered.

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Mr. Editor

Relevant to the Greek Tragedy

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the discussion of the Greek tragedy, I am hoping to see emphasis on two points that seem to me relevant and important.

First, the American businessmen and officials at the Chicago aviation conference refused to consider the kind of international regulation—with quotas and allocation of routes, loads, etc.—which the British proposed. (I include the businessmen because they were present throughout as "advisers.")

The decisions of the conference leave the way wide open for reckless competition between the powerful American lines and the less wealthy, less well-equipped British lines.

Second, the politically-minded elements in the labor movement have a great responsibility for thinking out such issues and entering the lists on the side of international agreements.

The "free-enterprise" boys are confusing the issue by calling any kind of government agreement "cartels" and thus concealing their purposes. We need desperately to have these issues more widely understood and taken up all over the country.

All this is not a far cry from the Greek mess. For Greece has been very much under British influence. It is like those strategically important "neutrals" which constitute links in her imperialist chain. While we cannot justify Churchill's present war in Greece, we have not yet done our own job in the field of international economic relations.

ANNA ROCHESTER.

How About Union Papers?

Boston, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Worth Repeating feature is a popular one, and I show it to many of my friends and shopmates. But isn't it possible to quote more frequently from trade union papers? I don't say this SHOULD be done, but make it as a suggestion. UE MEMBER.

Write More On Jewish Problem

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Why isn't the Palestinian problem discussed thoroughly in American newspapers? A famous Lord in Parliament said that the Jewish people are the strongest fighters and they know what they are fighting for, but the papers don't write about it and the people have a vague idea about our Jewish people.

My request is if you can write about the Jewish problem more often. VICTOR COHEN.

Gramercy to Gropper

New Milford, Conn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Gropper had a little gram, Its lines were pointed so That everywhere The Worker went That gram was sure to go.

It followed them to work and play It followed them to school, It made the people laugh and say, "A Fascist is a fool."

"What illustrates an epigram?" The teacher asked a cropper, "An epigram has form and weight When done by Wm. Gropper!" R. E.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

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Views On Labor News

THE stage managers of the AFL convention at New Orleans are working fast to give life to the worst of the many bad resolutions they had passed.

The American Labor Conference on International Affairs, their front on international policy questions, is holding a Commodore Hotel talk-fest on Dumbarton Oaks, foreign policy and world labor unity.



Chairmen of the three sessions are Algernon Lee, head of the Social Democratic Rand School crowd; David Dubinsky, social democracy's union leader, and Prof. John L. Childs, chairman of the social democratically controlled Liberal Party. The speakers include Matthew Woll, William Green and others whose views we need not speculate upon. Their speeches will run the general course of the resolutions adopted at New Orleans.

They'll snipe at Dumbarton Oaks from all directions. On foreign policy we will get a mixture of isolationism and PM-type of liberalism and we will be assured that international labor unity is not desirable under the policy the United Nations is shaping.

WE HAVE on many occasions pointed out how this group is used by the AFL's leaders to pipe poison into CIO ranks on questions of international policy and labor unity. They were most responsible for de-

by George Morris

priving the CIO of ILO representation. They disseminate the misinformation about the CIO in Europe's labor movement describing it as a small "dual" organization. These are the very people most responsible for the anti-CIO attacks at New Orleans. And they are now prospecting for ways and means to split labor in Latin America and in Italy, as their resolutions prescribe so plainly.

But, lo and behold, they also feature James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO, as a speaker. True, Carey's subject is "Why I Believe We Should Meet with the Russian Unions." He can hardly speak otherwise in view of the CIO's position. But his attraction to the conference is undoubtedly more due to his frequently expressed agreement with its managers. Whatever his personal connection may be, his appearance at this conference is exploited to give the public an impression that the CIO is associated with it.

The same holds true of Sen. Joseph H. Ball of Minnesota, also listed as a speaker. The confidence he won from Americans will certainly not be enhanced by association with this collection of disruptors of the very foreign policy he has so often voiced.

The conference has no other purpose than to set the Woll-Dubinsky-Green ball rolling against U.S. war and security policy and against the London World Congress of Labor.

CAREY seems to have made it a habit to lend CIO prestige to all sorts of move-

What Is a CIO Leader Doing at Such Meetings?

ments that would like it as drapery for disruptive designs. Last weekend he addressed a collection of Trotskyites, Norman Thomas Socialists and Dubinsky's representatives and political associates gathered in the so-called Workers Defense League meeting. The nature of that gathering could be judged by the defeatist keynote of A. Philip Randolph of the Pullman Porters who said that "there is not one Negro in the armed services who does not hate the army," that this "is not a war for freedom," and that the world is headed towards a war between the whites and "people of color." He denied the possibility of a full employment, full production economy under the present order. The entire proceedings were shot through with this stuff. But Carey, introduced as secretary-treasurer of the CIO and as a second keynoter, praised the meeting and the work of the WDL.

And just last Thursday, as Samuel Wolchok of the union striking Montgomery Ward was telling a press conference that the no-strike pledge is out of the window, Carey too appeared alongside of him. Carey associated himself with Wolchok's views, forgetting the unequivocal no-strike resolution the CIO adopted just three weeks earlier.

The whole business just doesn't make sense. People interested in undermining the nation's and the CIO's policy, exploit the CIO to do it. People entrusted with CIO confidence lend themselves for this game—I wouldn't say as suckers in a case like Carey's, because he knows better.

Lend-Lease And Trade Expansion

IMPORTANCE of industrialization of heretofore undeveloped countries in the post-war period is also receiving new recognition from more progressive business men. They are beginning to see that the rising incomes of the formerly "backward" countries will make it possible for them to take more varied kinds of goods from the United States. The higher the economic development of such a country the better able it will be to absorb U.S. exports.

Figures we have collected on pre-war—1938—exports from this country to our various neighbors in this hemisphere illustrate this point. In that year Canada imported from the United States merchandise valued at \$40.64 per capita of Canadian population. But Mexico imported only \$3.80 per capita of Mexican population.

In that same year Europe (not including the USSR) imported from the USA an average of \$3.11 per capita; Japan, \$2.18 and China, still industrially undeveloped, only 7.6 cents per capita of her population.

First steps in constructive action to aid in the development of sound two-way postwar trade on a big scale are being taken by the State Department. These moves deserve the active support and encouragement of all the progressive forces interested in a full-employment economy after the war.

Facts for Victory

LEND-LEASE will undoubtedly have a profound and enduring effect on the future economic relations of this country with other nations.

Total lend-lease shipments to our allies from 1941 up to the end of June, this year, totaled about \$28,270,351,000. Nearly half of these shipments went to the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and India, while the next in total shipments was the Soviet Union.

Less has been reported on the goods and services that have been returned to us by those countries in the form of what is called "reverse lend-lease." But President Roosevelt stated recently that up to the end of June the governments of the British nations had provided us with goods and services totaling about \$3,348,000,000. He said:

"From the day our first soldiers arrived in the United Kingdom in 1942, one-third of all the supplies and equipment currently required by United States troops in the British Isles has been provided under reverse lend-lease. For the war against Japan, United States forces have also received increased quantities of supplies and services in the past six months as reverse lend-lease from Australia and New Zealand and in India."

by Labor Research Ass'n

ALONG with the lend-lease shipments have gone regular commercial shipments from this country. Between March 11, 1941, when lend-lease was authorized to the end of June, 1944, cash exports totaled around \$10.9 billion.

During the first six months of 1944 these commercial exports were running at the average export level of the four pre-war years, 1935-1938, which was roughly \$2.8 billion a year. And this happened while enemy and enemy-controlled countries, which used to absorb about 30 percent of our exports, have been closed to American trade.

It is clear that the foreign trade of this country is headed for much higher totals in the postwar period. One of the better known Washington confidential agencies this week indicated that the reshuffled State Department would back a foreign trade policy "angled" in a generally "liberal" direction.

Postwar exports of some two to three times the pre-war level are expected by some Washington observers.

At the same time, imports are slated for considerable increases along with more government financing of foreign trade, and a lowering of tariffs. The lending authority of the Export-Import Bank may be expanded to \$25 billion or more.



Togliatti Explains Role Of Communists in Italian Cabinet

In an interview in Rome's Communist daily, L'Unita, of Dec. 11, a copy of which has just reached the Daily Worker, Vice-Premier Palmiro Togliatti declared that the new Ivanoe Bonomi government is an important victory for the Italian National Committee of Liberation.

Togliatti told why the Italian Communists decided to participate in this government, despite the abstention of the Socialists, with whom the Communists continue to maintain close relations.

This explanation, by a world figure like Togliatti is a masterly exposition of working class strategy in Europe today.

Underlying the recent government crisis, declared Togliatti, was a reactionary attempt to form "a government of technicians or what-have-you," apart from the Liberation Committee.

"No other force was capable of commanding the nation's attention, or influencing the situation in the least," he points out.

Thus, only the Liberation Committee can now shoulder the heavy responsibilities of an Italy still at war, beset by difficulties in the international field; where the people are hungry, fascism not yet completely destroyed and democratization "proceeding much too slowly."

Enemies of democracy, failing to form a government excluding the all six parties of the Liberation

Committee, tried to form a government without the three "leftist" parties—Communist, Socialist and Action.

If they had succeeded, the Communist Party secretary declared, "the National Liberation Committee would have been shattered, perhaps irrevocably."

"By permitting their exclusion from the government," he stated, "the National Liberation Committee parties, and especially the more advanced ones, would have compromised the few gains they have already achieved and would have, once again, abandoned the state apparatus to conservative and reactionary forces."

And that is why the Communist Party stepped into the breach and agreed to enter the new Bonomi government.

As a part of the government, Togliatti said, the Communist Party "feels that in a way it is also entrusted with representing our Socialist comrades and Action Party friends," who remained outside.

He stressed the need to strengthen relations with these two parties, and asserted that the pact with the Socialists "remains the essential element in our policy."

As for the problem of the monarchy, Togliatti said that the Communists maintain their position of last April, when the old Badoglio government was still in Naples: "No headlong plunges, no hys-



TOGLIATTI

Student Killed in Sicilian Riot

ROME, Dec. 15 (UP).—Dispatches from Catania in Sicily reported today that one student was killed and three wounded when police fired into a crowd of demonstrators who were protesting the call to colors of the classes of 1921 and 1922.

Several buildings, including recruiting headquarters, were set afire by the rioters, some of whom were reported as shouting "Viva Mussolini."

teries, no rigidity concerning forms or procedures which do not interest us and do not interest the Italian people, who even ignore the terms involved. . . . The Constituent Assembly will decide."

Regretting that a new government completely in the image of the Italian liberation movement had proved impossible, because elections are still to be held, working class unity is still incomplete and no political agreement existed with the Christian Democratic Party, Togliatti concluded:

"The leadership, the membership and the workers who follow us will easily understand that as Lenin used to say: A political party is not developed along rigidly straight lines, without any curves."

"What is essential is to understand the situation and to react to it in a way which will ensure the welfare of the working class, the people and the nation—avoiding failure, defeat and useless retreats. That is what we planned to do. And we have doubtless succeeded."

Liberation Committees Open Parley in Paris

Paris, the capital of liberated France, was the host yesterday to the first national assembly of delegates from the departmental committee of liberation, the backbone of the Resistance movement.

Committees of Liberation, representing the patriots of all democratic parties, FFI units, and other peoples organizations, were formed in France during the occupation. All 84 departments were represented at yesterday's gathering.

These committees were led at the center by the Council of National Resistance—and like the CNR, the committees continue to exist and act as a bulwark as well as a guide to de Gaulle's government.

In each locality, the Committees of Liberation have taken the governmental power, providing local administrations as the Vichyites collapsed, helping to start production again, purging the traitors, and coordinating FFI operations.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

In most cases, the regional commissioners appointed by the government have acted in close harmony with the Committees of Liberation.

Occasionally, as at Pertuis, in the Vaucluse department, where Vichyites bombed a local FFI headquarters, the Committee of Liberation have been censured by the government for taking direct action against the murderers of patriots.

After a department meeting in Lyons last week, the Committee leaders indicated that they would recommend a continuation of their set-up and urged recognition of them from the government.

Together with the Constituent Assembly, and the CNR, these committees typify the new democratic legality which has arisen in France.

Ukrainians In New Homes

By JOHN GIBBONS
Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, Dec. 15. — Ukrainian families, anxious to settle in their homeland rather than live in Poland, are arriving in the Ukraine in accordance with an agreement between the government of the Soviet Ukraine and the Polish Committee of National Liberation.

The first group of 122 Ukrainian families have settled in the fertile Kherson district, where local authorities provided newly built homes and plots of land for them. The settlers brought livestock, poultry, and household equipment.

Some 50 families have received homes and land in Zachatevka district, near Zaporozhe. Responding to greetings from the local collective farmers, the Ukrainian, Peter Karpovich, said:

"I am a carpenter by trade. In prewar Poland, I suffered years of unemployment, and during the German occupation I was thrown into a concentration camp. The Red Army liberated me and rescued my family from certain death."

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Tomorrow—Manhattan

SUNDAY, 8:30 p.m. "What Is All the News That's Fit to Print?" A round-table discussion on the American press, with Gander Garlin, Richard Xaffe of PM, and John Roman of Hungarian daily. Followed by social and folk dancing. Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 16th St. 50c.

"WHAT'S THE NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS?" Come and hear Mike Gold, popular columnist of the Daily Worker, Sunday evening, Dec. 17th at 8 p.m. 4th A.D. OPA, 261 Second Ave. (near 12th St.). Admission 25c.

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Tomorrow—Brooklyn

ISRAEL AMTER: "Europe Tomorrow." Sunday, Dec. 17th, 8:30 p.m. 46 New Lots Ave. Admission 25c or "Worker" sub. Peter Cacchiione Victory Club.

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"BEHIND THE EUROPEAN CRISIS." Robert Minor, speaker. Also question period conducted by Benj. J. Davis Jr., Robert

Minor, Joseph Starobin, Thursday, Dec. 21, 8 p.m. Manhattan Center, 34th St. & 8th Ave. Adm. 30c. N. Y. County Communist Political Ass'n.

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The Nazi-controlled labor front will be dissolved along with other party organizations, the broadcast, 12th in a series in the name of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, asserted.

Trade unions will be permitted to bargain collectively with employers, the proclamation said, adding that strikes threatening security and lockouts will be prohibited.

West Side Consumers To Meet Monday

Organized consumers will discuss the meat situation in New York City Monday night at the Joan of Arc High School, 92d St. and Amsterdam Ave. The emergency gathering is jointly sponsored by the Upper West Side Consumer Council and the New York City Consumer Council.

Speakers include Councilman Michael Quill, Helen Algate of the League of Women Shoppers.

20,000 Reader Drive Steady Does It

Eight districts ordered bundles of The Worker, Dec. 10, in excess of their quota.

These bundle orders, however, will mean very little permanently unless they are stabilized. Ohio, which achieved a bundle order of 3,140 last week, dropped by 725 copies for the issue of Dec. 10. Queens, N. Y., dropped 55 copies.

The rest of the organizations either maintained or increased their orders.

No other methods used in the distribution of The Worker can take the place of bundle orders for canvassing or shop-gate sales. In view of the contacts made in communities during the election campaign, and the degree to which labor was activated, bundle orders take on special significance. A stable bundle order used for community and shop concentration points is a guarantee for a constantly enlarging circle of permanent readers.

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And here's the point. If you're short some subs, call at your Club headquarters on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. There will be lists available of good contacts in your community, whom you can visit to get the subs you need.

If you are sure you can get the necessary subs for admission, be sure to tell your club secretary to reserve a place for you.

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|------------------|--------|--------|
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| 2-Eastern Pa. | 2,770 | 3,048 |
| 3-Manhattan | 2,450 | 3,158 |
| 4-New England | 1,054 | 1,287 |
| 5-New Jersey | 2,188 | 2,421 |
| 6-Michigan | 1,304 | 1,403 |
| 7-Oklahoma | 185 | 195 |
| 8-Wisconsin | 484 | 494 |
| 9-Bronx | 1,100 | 1,077 |
| 10-Queens | 800 | 780 |
| 11-Ohio | 2,564 | 2,415 |
| 12-Illinois | 3,325 | 2,994 |
| 13-Maryland | 1,269 | 1,080 |
| 14-Missouri | 422 | 360 |
| 15-Connecticut | 843 | 859 |
| 16-Western Pa. | 555 | 450 |
| 17-Utah | 50 | 40 |
| 18-Minnesota | 350 | 250 |
| 19-Brooklyn | 1,575 | 1,108 |
| 20-Iowa | 58 | 40 |
| 21-Upstate N. Y. | 1,086 | 601 |
| 22-Montana | 28 | 10 |
| Total | 24,544 | 24,932 |

New War Titles Put in Effect

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UP). — Legislation creating super ranks that will give top American commanders equal prestige with their Allied counterparts was signed today by President Roosevelt, who promptly named four generals as "General of the Army" and three admirals as "Fleet Admiral of the U. S. Navy."

Nominated for the new Army rank—a designation comparable to that of field marshal in the British and other armies—were Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff; Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in the Southwest Pacific; Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander in Western Europe, and Henry H. Arnold, Commander of the Army Air Forces.

Admirals Ernest J. King, Commander in Chief of the U. S. Fleet; Chester W. Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, and William D. Leahy, the President's personal chief of staff, were named to the new rank of "Fleet Admiral of the U. S. Navy"—comparable to Britain's Admiral of the Fleet title.

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Bill Mardo

No need to tell you to keep your eyes glued on No. 45 at the Polo Grounds this afternoon. Those are the numerals sewn onto the jersey worn by Glenn Dobbs, the only young man around who ranks comparison with Messrs. Luckman and Baugh when it comes to that highly important matter of rifling oval bullets over the turf.

Ever since today's War Bond game between the Randolph Field Ramblers and the Second Air Force Superbombers was first cooked up, the key question making the rounds has been: How good is Dobbs?

Of course any answer less than he's better or he's not as good as Luckman won't satisfy the average questioner. Most sports fans have fallen into the habit of making comparisons when judging an athlete's prowess, such as: Ted Williams pokes as long a ball as DiMaggio; Budge's service not quite as fast as Big Bill Tilden's; Joe Louis' left hook equals Dempsey's southpaw sock, etc.

Glenn Dobbs has never played in New York prior to this afternoon's shindig, and so we don't know whether he ranks with Baugh and Luckman. We've never seen the gent in action, and all we know of him is what we read in the record book. Those figures, we might add, are mighty impressive.

For one thing, Glenn recorded a gain of 7.87 yards every time he ran or tossed the ball—an average which a more thorough checkup may prove to be the highest such mark in modern college ball. (Oddly enough, Dobbs doesn't consider himself any great shakes as a runner.)

Glenn first flashed over the grid horizon in 1942, when he passed Tulsa clear into the Sun Bowl. There, against Texas Tech, Dobbs pulled the trigger for 21 completions out of 29 heaves—one of them being a hair-tling last-second touchdown toss which earned Tulsa their 6-0 victory. Back in the Sugar Bowl against Tennessee the following year, the Tulsa Triggerman flipped eight successive completions for an 80-yard march to paydirt.

Some 13 All-America selectors had Dobbs on their team when he wound up his collegiate career, which is indication of the high esteem observers had for him.

The kid throws his passes with a slight sidarm motion, we understand, and his receivers maintain his long ones are easy to handle. Tulsa's gift to the Superbombers had a chance to test his arm against Sid Luckman's Bears and Sammy Baugh's Redskins—on both occasions he walked off with the honors.

Mules, Beavers Picked Tonite

Red hot are those Muhlenberg Mules, winners of six straight, who come into the Garden tonight and tackle St. Francis while our own little City College gamesters collide head-on with the Arkansas Razorbacks.

All eyes will be on the "Mules" this evening, because Coach Alvin Julian's hoopers have done some fine work this season. Most notable of all the Muhlenberg triumphs was their victory over the defensively powerful Penn State squad. It was a narrow squeak for the Mules, 37-35, but they accomplished the unexpected by tearing open Penn's touted zone defense.

If you recall Muhlenberg's showing in last year's National Invitation tourney, you'll agree these boys play a rugged game of basketball. And though they've undergone some lineup changes since the '43 campaign, these kids from Allentown play the same hard-driving, charging kind of ball their predecessors exhibited.

Coach Julian's offspring, Alvin Julian, Jr., has come up quite fast and earned a starting spot for himself. With Jim Doran at center, Charley Theisen and Oscar Baldwin at the forward slots, the Mules look far too good for weak St. Francis.

The main contest tonight will put Nat Holman's good-looking Beavers on the court against the sky-tall Razorbacks from Arkansas way.

Considered the strongest squad in the southwest, the Arkansas travellers have four veteran hoopers back with them this season

No. MUHLENBERG vs. ST. FRANCIS No. 24-Theisen (7), L.F. Campbell-17 25-Baldwin (7), R.F. Smith-11 26-Doran (7), C. Sullivan-12 15-Whiting (7), L.G. Sabello-19 21-Gillen (7), R.G. Joyce-18 Muhlenberg Reserves: Prange (16), Julian Jr. (17), Pisco (18), Forezza (19), Bird (22), O'Brien (23), Rickert (25).

St. Francis Reserves: Krey (5), McGuire (6), Hayes (7), Speicher (9), Carr (10), Glingold (13), Kelly (14), Hanley (16).

SECOND GAME No. ARKANSAS vs. CITY COL. No. 37-Flynt (7), L.F. Schmones-12 16-Schumchik (7), R.F. Markoff-9 43-Kok (7), C. Korovin-18 71-Wheeler (7), L.G. Levine-17 56-Richie (7), L.G. Hassman-20 Arkansas Reserves: Byles (39), Copeland (40), McGaha (72), Kearn (73), Schumchik (74), Jolliff (75).

City Reserves: Lamb (4), Smolowitz (5), Hillman (7), Finger (8), Heller (10), Friedman (11), Gates (15).

Their center is the 6 ft 10 in. George Kok, and indeed, the en-Charley Jolliff and Ken Kearns. tire Arkansas bunch averages well over 6 feet. They too are coming into the Garden "hot"—having copped their two home games before boarding the choo-choo east.

Nat Holman's youngsters looked surprisingly good in their previous Garden encounter, beating Detroit 42-22. Ralph Schmones is the best all-around man on the squad, although Hassman, Korovin and Levine showed to good advantage against the Lions. . . These boys will improve with each game. Big attraction tonight will be newcomer Sid Finger, a speedy daredevil whose shooting ability matches his shiftiness. Finger may very well turn out to be the big gun tonight . . . and it's on that hunch that we'll bend the proverbial limb somewhat by picking City over Arkansas, and Muhlenberg to surprise nobody by walking away from St. Francis. —Bill Mardo.

Ramblers-Bombers Bond Game At the Polo Grounds Today

By PHIL GORDON

Lone team in the nation capable of giving Army a real tussle—those unbeaten and untied Randolph Field Ramblers—take off against the powerful Second Air Force Superbombers at the Polo Grounds today in the super-duper War Bond grid attraction. An expected capacity crowd who've filled the Treasury Department's till with bond purchases in support of the Sixth War Loan Drive, will finally have an opportunity to see the touted

The Lineups

| Ramblers | Pos. | Superbombers |
|-----------|------|--------------|
| Russell | L.E. | Susoeff |
| Ruby | L.T. | Hendren |
| Landis | L.G. | Samaria |
| Robertson | C. | Baldwin |
| Freeman | R.G. | Ulinaki |
| Merrill | R.T. | Wisozki |
| Burris | R.E. | Harrington |
| Holley | Q.B. | Fambrough |
| Dudley | L.H. | Dobbs |
| Evans | R.H. | Strzykalski |
| Madarik | F.B. | Prentice |

Repeat Upset?

Those unpredictable New York Rangers come back to the Garden tomorrow night against the league-leading Montreal Canadiens, and the local faithful are hoping the Blueshirts can repeat their Nov. 30th upset win over the champs.

Boston took the Rangers over the hurdles on Tuesday night, and unless they want to wind up in the cellar, the Blueshirts will have to go all-out from here on in. It's still the same old story with the Patrick-men. On occasion, they look good enough to lick every team around with the exception of Montreal and Toronto—but those occasions are usually nullified by the Rangers' annoying habit of blowing up at the tail-end of the game.

Nonetheless, their eccentricity has been drawing a lot of customers into the Garden this year, and no doubt there will be another huge turnout tomorrow night when the Canadiens seek revenge.

Ramblers with their rock-like line and blockbusting backfield.

Sparked by the former collegiate and pro star, left half Bill Dudley, Pete Layden, and plunging Tippy Madarik at fullback, the Ramblers have racked up 47-points per tilt this season—not quite as good as Army's mark, but a terrific total nonetheless.

Randolph Field's line is the envy of many a pro grid coach, and the figures well explain why. In winning ten straight, the Ramblers have given up an average of about 20-yards rushing per game. Thus, any of the Superbombers' scoring hopes seem to rest on their aerial attack.

And that's just where they shape up strongest. . . for the Superbombers have a young man named Glenn Dobbs handling their tossing offensive. Dobbs, former All-American from Tulsa, is the passing genius who has been touted by many as the equal of Sid Luckman and Sammy Baugh.

Dobbs is quite a kicker, too, and averages better than 44-yards per punt. In the running department, Glenn prefers to let his understudy Ray Evans tote the pigskin. Along with Evans, shifty, hard-running Bill Prentice and Johnny Strzykalski make quite a hole-plunging trio. Prentice used to star at Santa Clara two years ago. Rounding out the Superbombers' backfield is Dan Fambrough at quarterback.

Very powerful defensively, the Superbombers are rated just slightly under their opponents in a comparison of the respective lines. So all in all, it shapes up as quite a contest, and we must give the Ramblers an edge despite the very real threat posed by the Superbombers' Glenn Dobbs.

Wounded Servicemen To See Big Game

Wounded and convalescent Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine and Merchant Marine personnel, who are recuperating in service hospitals in and around New York City, will be guests of honor at the Randolph Field-Second Air Force "Treasury Bond Bowl" duel at the Polo Grounds today.

The attendance of the wounded servicemen, who have seen service in virtually every theater of combat, was assured when 7,500 tickets were purchased by patriotic citizens and turned over to the Army Air Force and the War Finance Committee for distribution in the hospitals. The wearers of the Purple Heart will have some of the choice seats in the Polo Grounds.

If any tickets are left over from this 7,500 allotment, after distribution in the hospitals, they will be given to military personnel from various branches of the service who are stationed in or near New York. Servicemen recently returned from overseas will have priority on the tickets.

"Thousands of additional servicemen could witness this great game," a spokesman for the War Finance Committee said yesterday. "If those New Yorkers who are buying bonds and do not intend to go to the game would purchase a ticket nonetheless, these tickets could be given to servicemen who have recently returned from battle areas or who are on their way overseas. New Yorkers have always been generous, and I am certain they will again answer this call."

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF-First Piano Quartet
WOR-News; Talk; Music
WJZ-Shopping Talk-Lola Long
WABC-Warren Sweeney, News
WQXR-Philharmonic Symphony
Young People's Concert
11:05-WABC-Let's Pretend-Sketch
11:15-WJZ-Transatlantic Quiz
11:30-WEAF-Smiley Ed McConnell
WOR-Hooky Hall
WJZ-Land of the Lost
WABC-Billie Burke Show

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF-News; Consumer Time
WOR-Man on the Farm
WJZ-Kay Armen, Songs
WABC-Theater of Today
WQXR-Lunchon Concert
12:30-WEAF-Atlantic Spotlight
WOR-News; Juice Box
WJZ-News; Farm-Home Hour
WABC-Stars Over Hollywood
1:00-WEAF-Variety Music
WOR-Dance Orchestra
WJZ-Eddie Condon's Jazz Concert
WABC-Grand Central Station
1:15-WMCA-Health Talk
1:25-WABC-News Reports
1:30-WEAF-The Baxters-Sketch
WOR-Lopes Orchestra
WJZ-News; Music
WEAF-Report to the Nation
WMCA-Recorded Music
1:45-WEAF-John MacVane, News
WMCA-This Is Our Town

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF-These Are Our Men
WOR-Dance Orchestra
WJZ-Metropolitan Opera: Faust
WABC-Of Men and Books
2:15-WABC-Adventures in Science
WMCA-Christian Science Talk
2:30-WEAF-Musica-Variety
WOR-Lee Egan, News
WABC-Carolina Hayride
WMCA-Studio Music
WQXR-University Women's Chorus
2:45-WOR-Talk-Stanley Maxted
WMCA-Front Page Drama
3:00-WEAF-Kansas City Philharmonic
WOR-This Is Halloran
WABC-Synception Piece
WMCA-News; Novena Service
3:30-WOR-Roosty of the AAF
WABC-S. S. Cyril and Methodius Choir
WMCA-News; Waltz Music
4:00-WEAF-Rupert Hughes, News
WOR-News; Airline Trio
WABC-Report From Washington
WMCA-News; Ray Smith, Songs
4:15-WEAF-To Be Announced
WABC-Report From Overseas
4:30-WEAF-Variety Show
WOR-Variety Music
WABC-Assignment Home
WMCA-Recorded Music
5:00-WEAF-Grand Hotel-Play
WOR-Uncle Don
WABC-Philadelphia Orchestra
5:15-WOR-Milt Herth Trio
5:30-WEAF-John W. Vanderveek, News
WMCA-News; Jerry Baker, Songs

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WQXR-Ida Krehm, Piano
5:45-WEAF-Curt Massey, Piano
WOR-Shirley Eder, Interview
WJZ-Nancy Martin, Songs

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF-News; Friendship Ranch
WOR-News; Music
WJZ-Burns Show, News
WABC-Quincy Howe, News
6:15-WJZ-Harry Wimmer-Songs
WABC-People's Platform
WMCA-Dale Belmont, Songs
6:30-WOR-Frank Singiser, News
WJZ-Edward Tomlinson
WMCA-Fighting Words
6:45-WEAF-Religion in the News
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Lucienne Delval, Songs
WABC-The World Today-News
WMCA-Radio Beam-Jack Shafer
7:00-WEAF-World's Great Novels
WOR-Guess Who?-Quiz
WJZ-Correspondents Abroad
WABC-Play-Mayor of the Town:
Lionel Barrymore, Others
WMCA-News; Flatterbrains
WQXR-Favorite Music
7:15-WJZ-Leland Stowe, News
7:25-WQXR-News; Concert Music
7:30-WEAF-Elfers Queen Show
WOR-Arthur Hale, News
WJZ-Meet Your Navy
WABC-America in the Air
WMCA-Something for the Girls
7:45-WOR-The Answer Man
WMCA-Songs of Israel
8:00-WEAF-Gaslight Gayeties
WOR-Frank Singiser, News
WJZ-Early American Music
WABC-Kenny Baker, Tenor
8:15-WOR-Bugh Thompson, Baritone:
Jean Merrill, Soprano
8:30-WEAF-Truth or Consequences
WOR-Detroit Symphony Orchestra
WJZ-Boston Symphony Orchestra
WABC-The FBI in Peace and War
8:55-WABC-Bob Trout, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF-National Barn Dance
WOR-Play-Results, Inc., with
Lloyd Nolan, Claire Trevor
WABC-Hit Parade
WMCA-News; Shoot the Works
WQXR-Europe This Week-Denis
Pimmer
9:15-WQXR-Masterpieces
9:30-WEAF-Can You Top This?
WOR-Mysterious Traveler
WJZ-Spotlight Band
WMCA-Grange Hall
WQXR-Juliard Choral Society
9:45-WABC-Saturday Serenade

9:55-WJZ-Quick Quiz
WQXR-News; Concert Music
10:00-WEAF-Barry Wood, Songs
WOR-Theater of the Air
WJZ-Lombardo Orchestra
WMCA-News; Grange Hall
10:15-WABC-Al Pearce Show
10:30-WEAF-Grand Ole Opry
WJZ-Play-The Man Called X,
with Herbert Marshall
WMCA-Frank Kingdom, Comments
WQXR-France in the News
10:40-WQXR-Music Box
10:45-WABC-To Be Announced
WMCA-Marine Corps Program
10:50-WQXR-News; Just Music
11:00-WEAF, WABC-News; Music
WJZ, WOR-News; Music
WMCA-News; Talk; Music
11:15-WABC-Sixth War Loan Show
11:30-WEAF-I Sustain the Wings
WJZ-Hillbilly Band
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WABC, WMCA-News; Music
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Billy Rose Champagne Without Bubbles

Not having attended the premiere of Seven Lively Arts, I missed the 300 cases of champagne that Billy Rose served his \$24 formal-dress-only customers. Perhaps 300 cases of champagne would have made the show at the Ziegfeld look better. As it was, I found the Arts not lively but depressing, except for those enchanting moments when Beatrice Lillie commands the stage.

Miss Lillie is a joy to behold, lazily nonchalant as ever, witty and wicked. But her delightful takeoff on Mrs. Manningham in Moss Hart's satirical skit Heaven on Angel Street and her singing of When I Was a Little Cuckoo are wedged in between huge chunks of quite pointless and uninspired extravaganzas.

The show begins with an idea—seven aspiring representatives of the arts come from the benighted hinterlands to make their fame and fortune in the glossy metropolis. The story is scrapped after the first chorus. After that it's all scissors and paste.

Doc Rockwell's bossy narration of the proscenium proves to be

Seven Lively Arts

An entertainment presented by Billy Rose at the Ziegfeld Theater. Music and lyrics by Cole Porter. Sketches by Moss Hart, George S. Kaufman and Charles Sherman. Doc Rockwell's comments by Ben Hecht. Production staged by Hassard Short. Sketches directed by Philip Loeb. Dances and songs directed by Jack Donaghy. Choral group trained by Robert Shaw. Ballet choreography by Anton Dolin. Conductor, Maurice Abravanel. Scenery by Norman Bel Geddes. Costumes by Mary Grant.

a dreary way of holding together a hodge-podge assortment of burlesque-show gags, eye-arresting fashion shows (plural), classical ballets to Stravinsky by Markova and Dolin, clarinet solos by Benny Goodman, a really wonderful turn at the piano by Teddy Wilson, grimaces by Bert Lahr, and Billy Rose Buys the Metropolitan Opera House! elephants and all.

Cole Porter's music is definitely not up to this over-energetic occasion with its long valleys and surprisingly few peaks.

The atmosphere of the burlesque house—witness Doc Rockwell's lecture on anatomy—Puritanized this spectator, who sighs for the good old days of Carmen Jones when Billy Rose, with the good taste lacking here, seemed to be waving farewell to jumboized vaudeville.



DOROTHY MAYNOR

All Nations Concert Sunday

Dorothy Maynor, soprano and Ray Lev, pianist will perform at an all-nations concert tomorrow (Sunday) evening at Hunter College Hall, 117 E. 68 St. under the sponsorship of the Metropolitan Interracial and Interracial Co-ordinating Council.

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an experienced ex-jockey and becomes the toast of horse-loving humanity the wide world over by riding The Pie to victory in the annual Grand National steeplechase.

This pleasing little fairytale by Clarence Brown, Theodore Reeves and Helen Deutsch is recommended for its exciting racing scenes, its wholesome comedy, its warm performances, its magnificent outdoor photography—long stretches of eye-filling countryside and coastline in Technicolor.

Of course the audience is always several leaps ahead of the story, dying to get to the day of the race, but Elizabeth Taylor is really wonderful as the resolute 12-year old Joan-of-Arc of horsemanship whose dream of winning the coveted handicap is fully encouraged by

'National Velvet'

An MGM film directed by Clarence Brown. Based on the novel National Velvet by Enid Bagnold. Screenplay by Theodore Reeves and Helen Deutsch. Cast includes Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor, Donald Crisp, Anne Revere, Jackie Jenkins, Arthur Treacher, A. Pandro S. Berman production. Playing at Radio City Music Hall.

wise and understanding mother Brown, an ex-English channel swimmer. I may be wrong, but I think there's a tribute to women in Ann Revere's role of a mother who believes that "everyone should have a chance at a breathtaking piece of folly in his life" and gives her determined young daughter every opportunity to develop.

National Velvet is a smooth carpet to a fine Christmas party. Mickey Rooney is unusually quiet as the troubled ex-jockey who materially aids Velvet's miraculous ride to glory. Jackie Jenkins, that thoroughly delightful and brainy child is very witty as the youngest member of the happy Brown family. By all means take along the children.

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ALP Art Auction Sunday at 2 P.M.

Rep. Vito Marcantonio and Eugene P. Connolly today announced that the New York County Committee of the American Labor Party would hold an art auction tomorrow (Sunday) beginning at 2 p.m. The auction will be held at studios and galleries of the Artists' League of America, 567 Sixth Ave. Proceeds of the first such auction to be held by the County organization will go jointly to the New York Committee and the artists and their associations.

Samuel Neuberger, will act as the auctioneer of several hundreds of oils, water colors and works in other mediums. Among the artists represented are David Burluk, Philip Evergood, Hugo Gellert, Harry Gottlieb, William Gropper, Charles Keller, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Elizabeth Olds, Waldo Pierce, Mark Pepper, Philip Reisman, Moses and Raphael Soyer, Harry Sternberg, Lynd Ward and Sol Wilson.

Newark Opera House

The Stalin-prize winning film The Rainbow will open at the Newark Opera House, Washington and Court St., Newark, N. J., tomorrow, Sunday, Dec. 17.

At the Irving Place

The Sholem Aleichem film Tevya with Maurice Schwartz heading the cast is being held over a second week at the Irving Pl. Theatre, together with "A Greater Promise—the story of Birobidjan.

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50 Captured German Generals Urge Revolt

By JOHN GIBBONS
Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, Dec. 15.—Field Marshal Frederick von Paulus and 49 other captive German generals, now in Soviet hands, have addressed another appeal to the German army and the German people "to rise up in arms for the final act of salvation against Hitler and Himmler."

Speaking for the generals and thousands of officers united in the Free Germany Committee here, the contrite generals declared over the Moscow radio:

"In 1918 when Hindenburg and Ludendorff saw that the military situation was hopeless, they demanded the cessation of the war. So must we now."

Referring to the overwhelming superiority of the Allies, the appeal told the Germans: "Not even a miracle can help you."

ADMIT GUILT

Never in any previous declaration from these captives has the note of contrition sounded so clearly.

"We were blind instruments in the hands of Hitler and in the end became his victims," the appeal continues. "By a gigantic armaments program, he solved unemployment and we regarded this as an all-around boom in industry. We allowed him to engage in atrocities, to abolish all rights and trample on law. We supported his evil race theory and were drunk with his first successes, but we failed to notice the threatening danger."

Recognizing that the future of Germany will not be light, the generals say:

"True, Germany will be occupied; the victors will demand punishment for all injustices perpetrated in the nations of Europe. We must restore what has been destroyed, but—at least our homes will be saved."

"Only those who are actually guilty of crimes will appear in the dock and instead of terror and lawlessness and race hatred, law and order and humane-ness will triumph."



Smoke rises from Japanese ground installations in southern Luzon in the Philippines, following a raid by carrier-based planes of the Third U.S. Fleet. Bomb-blasted hangars and planes can be seen burning. Official figures show 440 Japanese planes were destroyed and oil storage tanks set ablaze in this series of attacks.

The Veteran Commander

WHAT IS SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE...

WHEN the Soviet High Command announced on the third anniversary of the German-Soviet war that the Germans had lost approximately 7,800,000 men in killed and prisoners, with the Red Army losing 5,300,000 men killed and missing, our pundits, headed by The One from the N. Y. Times, sort of shrugged their shoulders and pooh-poohed the statement. First, they said, how do the Russians know? Second, how come they lost less than the Germans?

If our short memory does not fail us, Major George Fielding Eliot only this week "estimated" that the Germans had lost less than 3,000,000 men killed in this war (on all fronts and at all times). Thus, he almost directly gave the lie to an official High Command statement of our ally, which is not very polite, to say nothing of the absurdity of the statement itself.

Now, then, our experts do not believe that the Germans can lose more than the Russians and, furthermore, that it is difficult to calculate enemy losses, anyway.

All right. Now we hear from our advanced headquarters on Leyte that "the Japanese suffered an estimated 82,554 casualties in the first 55 days of the Philippine campaign," while we suffered a total of 10,400 casualties.

It seems to us that "an estimated 82,554" is a pretty close "approximation." The Soviets spoke in round figures of 100,000. We talk in terms just short of fractions. Furthermore, our headquarters calculate that the ratio of Japanese DEAD to our DEAD is "at least 31:1."

And so it appears that we CAN calculate enemy dead almost to a fraction and we CAN kill 31 of the enemy to

every one of our men killed, but the Soviets CANNOT calculate even in round figures with five naughts and cannot kill or capture one and a half Germans to every Red Army man killed or missing. It seems that sauce for the goose is not always sauce for the gander.

May we add that Prime Minister Churchill said yesterday in Commons that "6,000,000 to 7,000,000 Germans had already been killed," thus completely supporting the Soviet claim, because certainly not more than 1,000,000 Germans were killed on all the fronts outside the Eastern Front (the Soviet figure of 7,800,000 includes prisoners).

We also claim that we are knocking out 7,000 Germans a day on the comparatively small Western Front. Isn't it plausible that the Red Army, on a front which for 1,270 days has been between four and eight times longer than our Western Front is today, has knocked out Germans at the rate of 6,000 a day?

We would not dwell on these dry figures if the controversy over them (or at least the Soviet part of these figures) were not part of a concerted campaign conducted by certain groups in order to belittle the Soviet military effort. Such a campaign is nothing but an offshoot of the enemy's effort to split the Allied camp.

Here is an example of the methods used: the military spokesman for the French Ministry of Information said at a press conference on Dec. 5 in Paris that the Germans had 132 divisions on the Eastern Front. Such an assertion is so absurd that it smacks of something worse than misinformation. The German-Soviet front (including the Latvian bridgehead the Germans still hold west of Riga) is approximately 1,200 miles long. A large-scale battle is raging along one quarter of its length. How can a military man say that the Germans under these conditions have only a little better than one division to every 10 miles of front? In fact, the Germans have more than 220 divisions in the east.

People intentionally are "forgetting" that a huge battle is raging on the approaches to Austria and the Bohemian-Moravian plateau. People should realize this, even if some of them do not like the locale of the battle.

Murray Presses for Steel Case Decision

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Officials of the United Steelworkers led by CIO President Philip Murray today urged swift approval of the War Labor Board's directives in the steel case on OPA Administrator Chester Bowles and Fred M. Vinson, Director of the Office of Economic Stabilization.

There have been reports of opposition to the WLB directive granting shift differentials and increases in some wage rates in OPA and OES on the ground that it will mean an increase in steel prices.

Following a conference with Bowles and Vinson this morning, Murray announced that he had been assured that OPA would make its decision public by next Thursday or Friday.

Will Induct 26-37s After Feb. 1

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UP).—Selective Service headquarters, instructing draft boards to review deferments and apply stricter interpretation to classifications of older men, predicted tonight that increased numbers of registrants in the 26-37 age group will be inducted after Feb. 1.

Following up War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' "work or fight" order, national headquarters released a memorandum to local boards which emphasized that this "isn't a young man's war, but everybody's war."

Chinese in Burma Take Bhamo

BHAMO, Dec. 15 (UP).—Bhamo fell to Chinese forces in Burma at 2 p.m. today after a 28-day siege.

Jamaica Labor Party Wins Legislative Election

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 15 (UP).—The Jamaica Labor Party won a sweeping victory in yesterday's general elections and, on the basis of two-thirds counted returns, it is already assured of a large majority in the new House of Representatives, which is to restore representative government in the island for the first time in 60 years.

Yanks Invade Mindoro Island, Philippines; Down 224 Planes

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cutting off the entire Japanese empire to the south. American infantry tumbled ashore from landing ships, landing tanks, infantry and other craft, some of which deluged the shore with rockets. The operation was supported by escorting cruisers and destroyers.

CARRIER FORCES

Carrier forces under Adm. William S. Halsey aided with strikes at the Luzon air fields. Only a brief naval and air bombardment preceded the landing, Gen. Douglas

MacArthur's communique said. Exact site of the landing was not specified.

(In one area of southwestern Mindoro Island, clustered around the shores of Mangarin Bay, there is an airdrome and two auxiliary fields.)

Engineer units were among the first ashore on the island, it was announced. Mindoro is the seventh island in the Philippines invaded by MacArthur's forces. Other islands invaded, all in the Leyte-Samar area, were Leyte, Samar, Homonhon, Suluan, Dinagat and Panoan.

PINKY RANKIN

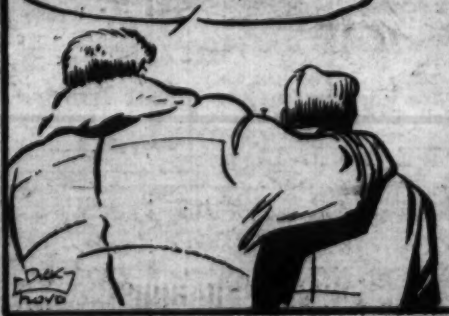
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